

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A variable displacement swash plate type compressor, comprising wherein a drive shaft, a swash plate [[is]] coupled to [[a]] the drive shaft to be rotatable integrally with the drive shaft, pistons [[are]] coupled to the swash plate via shoes, rotation of the drive shaft rotates the swash plate, which causes the pistons to reciprocate and compress gas, and the displacement is changed by varying the inclination angle of the swash plate, the compressor being characterized by: and

an inclined surface provided at part of the entire outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate.

2. (currently amended) The compressor according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate corresponding to the piston located at the top dead center position is provided with the inclined surface on a salient corner opposite to the piston.

3. (currently amended) The compressor according to claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that wherein part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate corresponding to the piston located at the bottom dead center position is provided with the inclined surface on a salient corner toward the piston.

4. (currently amended) The compressor according to any one of claim[[s]] 1 [[to 3]], characterized in that wherein the swash plate includes a first swash plate, which is coupled to the drive shaft to be rotatable integrally with the drive shaft, and a second swash

plate supported by the first swash plate, the pistons are coupled to the first and second swash plates via first shoes, which abut against the first swash plate, and second shoes, which abut against the second swash plate and receive a reaction force of compression, and part of the outer circumferential edge of the first swash plate corresponding to the piston located at the top dead center position is provided with the inclined surface on a salient corner opposite to the second swash plate.

5. (currently amended) The compressor according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the first swash plate corresponding to the piston located at the bottom dead center position is provided with the inclined surface on a salient corner toward the second swash plate.

6. (currently amended) The compressor according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 [[to 5]], ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gas is refrigerant used in a refrigeration circuit, and carbon dioxide is used as the refrigerant.

7. (new) A variable displacement swash plate type compressor, comprising a drive shaft, a swash plate coupled to the drive shaft to be rotatable integrally with the drive shaft, pistons coupled to the swash plate via shoes, rotation of the drive shaft rotates the swash plate, which causes the pistons to reciprocate and compress gas, and the displacement is changed by varying the inclination angle of the swash plate, a first inclined surface provided at part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate corresponding to the piston located at the top dead center position on a salient corner opposite to the piston, and

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a second inclined surface provided at part of the outer circumferential edge portion of the swash plate corresponding to the piston located at the bottom dead center position on a salient corner toward the piston.